

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ORGANISATION OF PARLIAMENT COMPETITION/PROGRAMMES

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Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government provide grants/funds to several schools to organise student – parliament competition/programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the amount provided during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the number of students participated in the competitions organized during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the benefits achieved through such programmes/competitions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs reimburses the expenditure incurred by the State/Union Territory Governments for organising Youth Parliament Competitions in their schools to the extent of Rs. One Lakh per financial year. In addition, the Ministry also reimburses an amount upto Rs. 5000/- to those schools/institutions who reach the regional/group levels in the National Youth Parliament Competitions being organised each year by the Ministry for the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Universities/colleges.

(b) The amount reimbursed to the State/Union Territory Governments during the last three years is as under:-

FINANCIAL YEAR	STATE/UT	AMOUNT RE-IMBURSED
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2002-2003	1. Karnataka	100000/-
	2. Chandigarh	33978/-
	3. Nagaland	96400/-

2003-2004	1. Haryana	46698/-
	2. Karnataka	100000/-
2004-2005	1. Haryana	87856/-
	2. Karnataka	100000/-
	3. Chandigarh	32163/-
	4. West Bengal	85502/-

Details of Financial Assistance given to Universities/Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti during the last three years:-

FINANCIAL YEAR	Universities	Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti
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2002-2003	217856/-	94278/-
2003-2004	207976/-	10175/-
2004-2005	91054/-	55311/-

(c) The schools/institutions participate in these competitions team-wise and the number of participating students in each team normally vary between 45-55. In addition, a number of other students of each of the participating schools/institutions are also involved

indirectly in the preparation and conduct of the performances. As such, it may not be possible to quantify the actual number of students who are involved in these competitions/programmes.

(d) The programme of Youth Parliament provides an unique training opportunity to the students to learn about the working of our parliamentary institutions, creating awareness about democratic values and a sense of discipline and decorum. Achieving of these benefits through such programmes/competitions is a continuous process.